

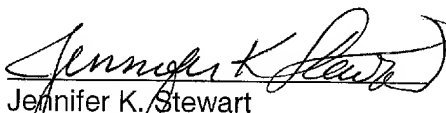
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed 18 July 2006, the examiner rejects independent claim 102 and dependent claims 109 – 111, 115 – 117, and 122 – 124 as obvious under §103. The examiner further indicates that claims 112 – 114, 118 – 121, and 125 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the applicants submit the enclosed claim amendments, which incorporate the allowable limitations of claim 112 into independent claim 102. In addition, the enclosed amendments cancel claims 112 and 120, and amend claims 111, 113, and 114 to conform them to amended claim 102.

In light of these amendments, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance. Should any issues remain, the applicants request that the examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be resolved expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

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